

The oath of office is administered to the following State officer-elect by Associate Justice W. A. Devin.

Brandon P. Hodges—State Treasurer

The oath of office is administered to the following State officer-elect by Associate Justice J. Wallace Winborne.

Henry L. Bridges—State Auditor

Senator Simms is recognized by the Chair and presents the following State officers-elect:

The oath of office is administered to the following State officer-elect by Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell.

Thad A. Eure—Secretary of State

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H. P. Taylor—Lieutenant Governor

Mr. Speaker Ramsay turns the gavel over to the new presiding officer, Lieutenant Governor Taylor, who assumes the duties of the Chair.

Lieutenant Governor Taylor then presents Governor R. Gregg Cherry who in turn presents Governor-elect W. Kerr Scott, and the oath of office is administered to him by Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy of the Supreme Court.

Governor Scott then delivers his Inaugural Address as follows:

INAUGURAL MESSAGE  
OF  
GOVERNOR W. KERR SCOTT  
TO THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
JANUARY 6, 1949

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly and My Friends from all over North Carolina:

As I assume the duties of Governor today I am deeply conscious of the great responsibilities of the office. My campaigning dealt with definite proposals for the expansion and improvement of the public service. I take office with what I believe to be a clear mandate from the people to carry out the pledges I have given. I am deeply appreciative of the great honor this State has bestowed upon me, but I am even more acutely aware of the work ahead, and I dedicate myself with all the energies of my heart and mind to the discharge of the duties of the governorship.

You ladies and gentlemen of this General Assembly have been elected by the people as their lawmakers. I have been elected their Chief Executive. Together we have a job to do. I cherish the opportunity to work with you.